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ANNUAL REPORT,



—OF THE TOWN OF—

MEREDITH.



—YEAR ENDING—

—MARCH 1, 1885.—



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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

»Selectmen, Treasurer, School Committee,«

—AND—

Board of Education in District No. 5,

—OF—

MEREDITH,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1st, 1885.

MEREDITH, N. H.:
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1885.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

- 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To choose a town clerk for the year ensuing.
- 3d. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
- 4th. To see what sums of money you will vote to raise for town charges, pauper roads and support of schools for the year ensuing.

5th. To see how much money you will raise for the repairs of highways and bridges and in what way you will have the same laid out for the year ensuing.

6th. To see how much money you will raise by vote to pay the members of Wamesit Engine Company for their services as engine men for the year ensuing.

7th. To see if the town will pay to Samuel Hodgson a sum of money for each and every year for the term of ten years from March 1st, 1884, equal to the amount of taxes assessed against him for each and all of said ten years, in consideration of one dollar by said Hodgson already paid to said town, and other benefits and advantages derived and to be derived from said Hodgson Hosiery Manufactory in said town, by request.

8th. To see if the town will pay to the American Twist Drill Company a sum of money for each and every year for the

term of six years from March 1st, 1884, equal to the amount of taxes assessed against them for each and all of said six years in consideration of one dollar by said American Twist Drill Company already paid to said town, and other benefits and advantages derived and to be derived from said American Twist Drill Company Manufactory in said town, by request.

9th. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term not exceeding ten years the Meredith Shook & Lumber Co., and the capital by them used in their business, and the Stave Mill and Property by them occupied, by request.

10th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for grading and improving that portion of highway on Meredith Neck, known as Boardman Hill, by request.

11th. To see if the town will vote to pay Jeremiah Cotton damages for land taken in laying out the street by the Selectmen, which runs by house of Charles D. Meloon in Meredith Village, and how much, by request of S. W. Rollins and others.

12th. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for a watering trough at Tuttle's Corner, (so called), by request of E. T. Blake and others.

13th. To see how much money you will vote to raise to defray the running expenses of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

14th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray the expenses on Decoration Day.

15th. To see what action you will take in relation to leasing the Town Hall for public entertainments for the year ensuing.

16th. To see if the town will vote to direct a discount of three per cent. to be made to those persons who shall pay their taxes on or before the first day of July next, and two per cent. to all persons who shall pay their taxes on or before the first day of October next, after their assessment, and interest at

ten per cent. to be charged upon all taxes not paid on or before the first day of December after their assessment from that date, which shall be collected with said taxes as incident thereto.

17th.* To see if the town will vote to give the free use of the Town Hall to the Reform Club, for the purpose of having temperance meetings therein, on Sunday evenings, by request.

18th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to furnish those engaged in agricultural pursuits, blanks in proper form to report the various farm products, and distribute the same to the inhabitants with a view to publish annually in the town reports the amount of such products of the town, and raise money therefor, by request of F. S. Prescott and others.

19th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the suit of Fred. Chauncy against the town of Meredith.

Given under our hand and seal this 23d day of February, A. D., 1885.

WILLIAM S. SMITH,	} Selectmen	
JOSEPH I. PRESCOTT,		of
OREN S. ROBERTS,		} Meredith.

MEREDITH, March 4, 1885.

We hereby certify that on the 23d day of February last we posted an attested copy of the within warrant at the place of meeting within specified, and like copies at the Post Office at Meredith Village and at the Post Office at Meredith Centre.

WILLIAM S. SMITH,	} Selectmen	
JOSEPH I. PRESCOTT,		of
OREN S. ROBERTS,		} Meredith.



=SELECTMEN'S REPORT.=

THE TOWN OF MEREDITH IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECT-
MEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1885.

The Town of Meredith, Cr.

By balance reported March 1st, 1884,	\$2,819 37
By assessment of State Tax,	1,708 00
“ of County Tax,	1,941 79
“ for Town Charges,	500 00
“ for Pauper Roads,	100 00
“ for School Money, by law,	1,494 50
“ “ “ by vote,	400 00
“ for Wamesit Engine Company,	300 00
“ for Public Library,	500 00
“ for Decoration Day,	100 00
“ for Watering Trough at Meredith Cen- tre,	75 00
“ for Bridge near H. Hawkins’,	100 00
“ Overlay by Percentage,	334 47
“ Dog tax,	109 00
“ of Non-resident Highway,	114 36
“ for Precinct Tax,	514 98
“ for School House Tax, District No. 2,	207 34
“ “ “ “ 3,	30 47
“ “ and Dis. Tax, “ 5,	470 43
By amount of Insurance Tax,	18 75
“ Railroad Tax,	493 83
“ Savings Bank Tax,	2,668 96
“ Literary Fund,	203 28

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By received of State for bounty on crows and wood-	
chucks,	\$44 30
“ for rent of Town Hall above expenses,	107 19
“ of M. V. Savings Bank, interest on Fogg	
trust fund,	65 00
“ Cash to balance Richard S. Stanton's tax	
for the year 1879,	5 00
“ “ George S. Leavitt, tax in full for year	
1881,	14 72
By amount paid Treasurer, for license on billiard	
table to date,	66 75
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	\$15,507 49

Town of Meredith, Dr.
PAID NOTES AND INTEREST.

Sallie Dearborn,	\$57 17
Carrie L. Forsaith,	375 55
Mary A. Forsaith,	594 33
M. Sue Gilman,	116 00
Mary L. Prescott,	220 02
May Lee,	246 75
F. A. Prescott,	145 86
G. G. Hoyt, Jr.,	632 60
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	\$2,388 28

PAID THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

C. H. Bickford, District No. 2,	\$100 14
Daniel L. Alexander, “ 3,	141 28
Frank L. Mason, “ 4,	166 84
A. S. Clough, “ 5,	887 19
S. F. Wadleigh, “ 6,	109 88
S. A. Garland, “ 7, un. with Laconia,	41 50
Mead Boynton, “ 8,	152 29
Alvah Smith, “ 9 and 10,	120 65

C. E. Kimball, District No. 11,	\$55 97
Austin J. Swain, " 12,	83 53
Mrs. Mary E. Piper, " 13,	40 97
John Perkins, " 14, un. with New Hampton,	24 47
J. H. Burden, " 15,	40 90
Mrs. M. S. Swain, " 16,	39 22
William S. Smith, " 17,	44 27
R. A. R. Benson, L. W. Cram District,	6 58
Willie Hawkins, Dis. No. 5, un. with Centre Harbor,	10 19
William M. Odell, " 20, un. with Sanbornton,	3 56
Alvah Smith, interest on Fogg trust fund,	65 00
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	\$2,134 43

PAID PAUPER ROADS.

N. S. Sinclair, breaking road,	\$5 68
M. S. Swain, " and repairing Hermit road,	30 85
N. B. Plummer, " " road,	7 25
D. R. Caverly, " " turnpike road,	
1883 and 1884,	19 70
D. R. Caverly, repairing turnpike road, 1884,	34 00
John Webster, " road, 1884,	8 00
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	\$105 48

PAID ROADS AND BRIDGES.

N. B. Plummer, breaking roads, Dis. 24, '83-'84,	\$12 76
C. H. Batchelder, " " 28, " "	7 53
J. G. Thompson, " " 35, " "	17 32
Thos. L. Smith, " " 17, '82-'83,	7 85
John Neally, " " 15, " "	16 18
S. D. Hinds, " " 31, " "	3 87
H. W. Lincoln, labor on Cass Hill,	6 86
J. M. Chase, cutting drifts, Dis. 22 1-2, '84.	2 00
H. S. Swain, breaking roads, Dis. 26, '83-'84,	8 76
Alden Dias, " " 27, " "	8 15

A. B. Piper, breaking roads, Dis. 25, '83-'84,	\$4 62
B. F. Roberts, " " 34, " "	17 79
Jos. O. Allen, " " 37, " "	21 11
David Brown, " " 33, " "	18 66
Thos. D. Veasie, " and plank, Dis. 20, '83-'84,	6 25
Alanson Dolloff, " and repairs, " 21, " "	15 25
J. W. Eastman, " " " 32, " "	10 95
B. P. Swain, " " " 10, " "	1 84
J. S. Dolloff, repairing highway, Dis. 22, '83-'84,	13 72
Isaiah Swain, " " 37, " "	5 55
M. R. Marshall, " " 18, " "	16 00
Alden Dias, " " 29, " "	25 00
J. C. Thompson, " " 35, " "	7 05
D. S. Burleigh, " " 14, " "	11 10
John Clifton, " " 17, " "	6 00
W. S. Smith, " " 28, " "	4 75
John Richardson, " " 17, " "	3 75
John Webster, " " 24, " "	5 50
Geo. Curry, labor on highway, " 8, 1884,	38 71
J. C. Gove, " " 20, " "	4 10
T. P. Perkins, " " 22 1-2, " "	6 00
David Brown, " " 28, " "	20 25
T. P. Perkins, " " 22 1-2, " "	10 36
John Neally, repairing washout, " 15, " "	46 88
Geo. H. Clark & Co., bridge plank, 1884,	12 89
N. B. Wadleigh, " " " "	4 03
N. G. Plummer, " " " "	17 51
N. B. Wadleigh, " " " "	19 20
M. R. Marshall, " " 1883,	28 68
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\$494 78	

PAID GENERAL EXPENSES.

Wamesit Engine Company, by law,	\$180 00
" " " " vote,	300 00
G. K. James, Decoration Day,	100 00
M. R. Marshall, watering trough,	75 00

A. S. Clough, Public Library,	\$500 00
J. B. Sanborn, blank books,	12 50
Dr. E. W. Jones, recording births,	1 00
S. F. Wadleigh, Com. on division of school Dis.,	6 00
John Webster, " " "	10 00
E. F. Wiggin, " " "	2 00
E. T. Blake, Selectman " "	4 00
E. S. Robinson, " " "	8 00
Geo. Sanborn, services as Supervisor to Mar. 1, '85,	26 00
D. L. Alexander, " " Dec. 3, '84,	18 00
E. T. Blake, " " Mar. 12, '84,	8 00
Geo. F. Sanborn, printing town reports,	40 00
" " services as Moderator to Mar. 1, '85,	6 00
" " pub. notices and printing tax bills,	3 00
J. B. Sanborn, blank books,	9 34
John Webster, school books for Pickering children,	1 65
Moses C. Pease, damage to sleigh,	3 00
F. E. Clough, for guide board,	4 05
L. E. Hall, damage to carriage,	4 00
J. H. Plaisted, for use of watering trough, '84,	3 00
A. H. Pitman, damage to carriage,	5 00
C. W. Neal, services as Auditor to Mar. 1, '84,	4 00
S. W. Rollins, " " and advice to June 28, '84,	12 00
H. C. Howland, " Special Police, '82,	1 50
A. S. Clough, " Board of Education as School Committee,	15 00
F. L. Mason, services as School Committee,	40 00
D. R. Caverly, watering trough, '84,	3 00
I. C. Boynton, recording marriages, births and deaths.	9 75
J. M. Flanders, steer drowned,	30 00
D. R. Caverly, in part for collecting taxes, '84.	35 00
E. C. Goodall, sheep killed by dogs,	6 00
I. C. Boynton, services as Town Clerk to Mar. 1, '85.	50 00
J. M. Neal, sheep killed by dogs,	14 00
J. S. Piper, services as Special Police,	14 00
D. R. Caverly, for Collector's blanks,	75

Dr. A. W. Abbott, recording births and deaths,	\$1 50
C. H. Perkins, services as Police to Mar. 1, '85,	25 00
J. H. Knowles, board of Selectmen and Supervisors to Feb. 1, '85,	39 50
J. S. Dolloff, collecting tax for '83,	49 00
E. Bickford, in full for collecting tax for '83,	104 95
F. P. Carey, services as Special Police,	4 00
John Webster, services as School Committee,	30 00
George S. Roberts, board of Selectmen to Mar. 1, '85,	11 25
J. I. Prescott, bounties on wild animals,	118 60
W. S. Smith, " " "	26 00
O. N. Roberts, " " "	14 30
P. D. Blaisdell, for one spiker,	1 00
W. S. Smith, for perambulating town lines,	10 00
O. N. Roberts, " " "	11 00
T. S. Moses, services as Treasurer,	66 00
W. S. Smith, " Selectman from Mar. 1, '84, to Mar. 1, '85,	136 00
W. S. Smith, use of team and cash paid out while on town business,	27 00
J. I. Prescott, services as Selectman from Mar. 1, '84, to Mar. 1, '85,	145 00
O. N. Roberts, services as Selectman from Mar. 1, '84, to Mar. 1, '85,	125 00
J. I. Prescott, use of team and cash paid out to Mar. 1, '85,	11 75
A. J. Watson, repairing floor of Town Hall,	18 23
R. S. Moses, services as Police to Mar. 1, '85,	25 00
E. W. Moulton, calves killed by dogs,	25 00
State Tax,	1,708 00
County Tax,	1,941 79
J. S. Dolloff, abatements town list, 1883,	92 52
" " Non-resident highway receipts,	17 45
Alvin Peavey, abatements 1880 list,	14 09
" " 1881 "	10 34
" " 1882 "	94 89
" " School house tax Dis. No. 5, '82,	10 57

E. Bickford, abatements town list, 1883,	\$130 27
“ “ School house tax, Dis.No.5,'83,	7 80
“ “ Highway tax list, 1883,	76 83
“ “ School house tax, Dis. No.4,'83,	60
D. R. Caverly, “ town list, 1884,	50 99
“ Non-resident highway receipts for '84,	72 56
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	\$6,818 32

PAID SCHOOL HOUSE AND PRECINCT TAXES.

School House Tax, District No. 5, 1882,	\$12 00
“ “ 5, 1883,	67 31
“ “ 4, “	11 15
“ “ 2, 1884,	200 00
“ “ 5, “	370 00
Precinct Tax,	420 00
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	\$1,080 46

RECAPITULATION.

By whole amount of receipts,	\$15,507 49
To paid Notes and Interest,	\$2,388 28
Several School Districts,	2,134 43
Pauper Roads,	105 48
Roads and Bridges,	494 78
General Expenses,	6,818 32
School House and Precinct Taxes,	1,080 43
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	\$13,021 75
Leaving a balance of	\$2,485 74

WHICH IS ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Due on Alvin Peavey list of 1881,	87 48
“ “ “ 1882,	371 51
“ “ School house tax, No.5,'82,	16 21
“ J. S. Dolloff list, 1883,	94 13
“ E. Bickford list, 1884,	1,065 72
“ “ Precinct tax, 1884,	94 98
“ “ School house tax, No.2,'84,	7 34
“ “ “ “ 3, “	30 47
“ “ “ “ 5, “	100 43
“ D. R. Caverly list, 1884,	38 40
Cash in treasury to balance,	579 07
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	\$2,485 74

MEREDITH, March 3, 1885.

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and find them properly cast and well vouched.

C. W. NEAL, }
S. W. ROLLINS, } Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. SMITH, }
JOSEPH I. PRESCOTT, } Selectmen
OREN S. ROBERTS, } of
 } Meredith.

RECEIPTS OF TOWN HALL.

Received for rent,	\$301 00
Paid R. S. Moses, Janitor, for wood, oil, etc.,	\$53 81
" " " care Hall 140 times,	140 00
	<hr/> \$193 81
Balance,	\$107 19
Average expense per night,	\$1 38

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES, \$————

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$579 07
Due from State, for bounties paid on wild animals,	120 07
" Collectors' list,	1,657 24
	<hr/> \$2,356 38

The town owns 69 shares old stock B. C. & M. R. R.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. SMITH, }
JOSEPH I. PRESCOTT, } Selectmen
OREN S. ROBERTS, } of
 } Meredith.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF MEREDITH IN ACCOUNT WITH T. S. MOSES.

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By cash in treasury March 1, 1884,	\$181 10	
received of Selectmen,	191 93	
“ Eleazer Bickford, Coll.,	4,835 58	
“ Daniel R. Caverly, “	2,274 45	
“ John S. Dolloff, “	685 77	
“ Alvin Peavey, “	325 00	
“ State Treasurer, “	3,429 12	
“ Town Clerk, license on billiard table,	18 50	
	<u>\$11,941 45</u>	
	DR.	
To paid Notes,	\$2,388 28	
State Tax,	1,708 00	
County Tax,	1,941 79	
Orders from Selectmen,	5,324 31	
	<u>\$11,362 38</u>	
Cash in treasury March 1, 1885,	579 07	
	<u>\$11,941 45</u>	

T. S. MOSES, Treasurer.

MEREDITH, March 3, 1885.

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

C. W. NEAL, }
S. W. ROLLINS, } Auditors,

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

GEO. F. SANBORN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MEREDITH, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

Received by vote of town,	\$500 00
“ sale of catalogues,	2 20
“ assessment of fines,	6 26
	<u>\$508 46</u>

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid J. B. Alden for books,	\$107 40
Estes & Lauriat, “	91 95
for “Town Officer,”	2 50
for “New Hampshire Poets,”	3 00
Freight and express on books,	3 57
Paper for covers,	2 61
Balance for catalogues, cards, etc.,	37 33
for marking books,	1 50
Geo. H. Clark & Co., lumber,	20 96
H. S. Dustin, labor on shelves,	15 24
A. J. Watson, “ and rail, and	
paid for stock,	33 11
J. S. Robinson & Son, for table,	9 00
Geo. F. Sanborn, services as Librarian,	
wood and lights,	100 00
Geo. Sanborn, rent,	50 00
	<u>\$478 17</u>
Cash on hand,	30 29
	<u>\$508 46</u>

A true copy. Attest A. S. CLOUGH, of the Board of Trustees.

There are at present 1438 volumes belonging to the Library, from which there has been upward of 3000 loans the past year, showing conclusively that the Library is not only a perfect success, but also that the appropriation of the town was not in the least misconceived.

Respectfully,

(16) GEO. F. SANBORN, Librarian.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MEREDITH:—

In presenting the annual report of schools, as by law required, your committee would beg leave to say that it is very gratifying to record a year of so great success and general improvement in all the schools under my supervision, save one. During the first half of the second term in District No. 2, there was some unpleasantness between the teacher and one of the pupils, but all was amicably settled and the remainder of the term was pleasant and profitable, and closed with interesting exercises. The school house in this district has been thoroughly repaired, and is now a pleasant and comfortable room for teacher and pupils, and is a monument of honor to the district.

At the present time all of the school houses in this division of the town are in good repair, with the exception of No. 8. This house is decidedly old, and I found during my last visit to the school it was just as decidedly cold, and I know it must have been impossible for the teacher or scholars to have kept comfortable through the winter term. That is something that ought not to be, and especially when there is so much wealth as in that district. I earnestly hope the good people there will think about it, and, before another term shall commence, have a good, new and comfortable house for their children to sit in, be the weather hot or cold.

Corporal punishment has been spoken of; we will not discuss it, but think it would be well for all interested to know that "birch grows," and for a useful and legitimate purpose, as it has ever grown since the utterance of that venerable proverb too well known to be repeated. All instructors should aim at such discipline in their schools as would be exercised by a kind and loving parent—ruling by love rather than fear—and in no case should they resort to the use of a ruler on the hands, shaking them by the shoulder, pulling ears, or inflicting blows upon the head. We have personal knowledge of some who have received life-long injuries from similar treatment when attending school.

In closing, I would call the attention of the town in regard to the loose way the school money is paid to teachers. It is paid to them without any regard to law, and by so doing the registers are often returned not as they should be. As reports are to be made to the State Superintendent, it is very desirable that they should be correct. If the proper authorities would withhold the school money until the law in regard to registers is complied with, much of the difficulty would be obviated.

The whole number of scholars reported as attending the schools for the past year is 364; not attending any school, 16. All attending school have attended to reading and spelling; to penmanship 296, arithmetic 282, geography 150, grammar 94, history 24, composition 36, physiology 10, algebra 28, book-keeping 17.

DISTRICT No. 2. First term, 5 weeks, Miss Nellie M. Mead teacher. Second term, 11 weeks, Miss Ella Thompson teacher. Whole number of pupils, 19; average attendance, 17.5. Average wages per month, \$23.

DISTRICT No. 3. First term, 10 weeks, Miss Ella Thompson teacher. Second term, 11 weeks, Miss Margaret A. Clough teacher. Whole number of pupils, 12; average attendance, 9.75. Average wages per month, \$23.50.

DISTRICT No. 4. Miss M. Alice Smith teacher. Three

terms of 6.6, 11 and 7 weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils, 23 ; average attendance, 16.333. Wages per month, \$26.

DISTRICT No 5. Refer to the Board of Education for a report of this District.

DISTRICT No. 6. Miss Hattie G. Hoyt teacher. Two terms of 7 and 7.5 weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils, 10 ; average attendance, 9. Wages per month, \$28.

DISTRICT No. 7, Union with Laconia. First term, 8 weeks, Miss J. Annie Robinson teacher. Second term, 11 weeks, Whole number of pupils from this town, 6 ; average attendance, 4.5. Average wages per month, \$28.

DISTRICT No. 8. Miss Minnie A. Mead teacher. Two terms of 8 and 12 weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils, 22 ; average attendance 13.5. Average wages per month, \$26.40.

Respectfully,

FRANK L. MASON.

CITIZENS OF MEREDITH:—

Another year having passed away, again it becomes our duty to report the success of our district schools. It is highly gratifying to me that I can say the schools under my supervision have been successful. A majority of the schools have had teachers of uncommon abilities and experience, and the “young teachers” have been very successful. In my opinion our school money has been well and profitably expended. Some of the districts have repaired their blackboards, agreeable to my suggestion last year, others are in a rather dilapidated condition. They are of too great importance in a school-room to remain in a condition unfit for use, or nearly so.

DISTRICT No. 9 AND 10 had three terms; the first of 9 weeks and the other two of 8 weeks each; all taught by Miss Julia A. Eaton, a teacher of rare merit, and under whose care the scholars made a very commendable advancement. Whole number of pupils, 37; average attendance, 23. Wages per month, \$28.

DISTRICT No. 11 had one term of 10 weeks, under the instruction of Miss Hattie A. Plummer. This was her first experience in teaching, but her success exceeded my expectations. Whole number of pupils, 7, average attendance, 6. Wages per month, \$22.20.

DISTRICT No. 12 had two terms of 8 weeks each. Both terms were taught by Miss Edith L. Swain, a teacher of experience and abundantly qualified for her vocation. Sickness prevented a full attendance, but those who attended regular made good advancement. Whole number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 10. Wages per month, \$21.60.

DISTRICT No. 13 had one term of 9 weeks, under the instruction of Miss Cora Plummer, whose efforts were highly appreciated. Although Miss Plummer has not had a very large experience, yet she ranks high as a teacher. Whole number of pupils, 7; average attendance 6. Wages per month, \$18.

DISTRICT No. 14, union with New Hampton, reported in that town this year. I visited the school once and supplied the scholars with Swinton's Geographies, which we have been introducing this year.

DISTRICT No. 15 had one term of 8.8 weeks, taught by Miss Gertrude Davis, a teacher of large experience. The scholars made a very commendable progress under her instruction. Whole number of pupils, 7; average attendance, 7. Wages per month, \$18.

DISTRICT No. 16 had one fall term of 11 weeks, under the instruction of Miss Mary Grace Perkins. This was her first effort in teaching, but she succeeded very well, and, with a little more experience, will take a high rank among teachers. Whole number of pupils, 5; average attendance, 5. Wages per month, \$19.00.

DISTRICT No. 17 had one term of 11 weeks, taught by Mr. Maurice H. Robinson, a graduate of New Hampton, who labored zealously for the good of his pupils. There was a good advancement and a commendable degree of thoroughness. Whole number of pupils, 8; average attendance, 7. Wages per month, \$16.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WEBSTER, Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The summer term of the Primary School was in charge of Miss Mary E. Cram, who fully sustained her former reputation as a model teacher. She resigned previous to the fall term and was succeeded by Miss Lizzie Meservey of New Hampton, who gave very general satisfaction. Whole number of pupils 57, average attendance 51.

The first term in the Intermediate Department was under the instruction of Miss Elisabeth W. Lang, a graduate of the State Normal School. A better position being offered her in Mass., she resigned at the close of this term. The second and third terms were in charge of Miss M. E. Bedee, whose success has fully met the expectations of the committee. Whole number of pupils 55, average attendance 44.

The first term of the Grammar School was taught by Mrs. Nettie H. Carey, as supply until the teacher who had been elected to the position could take charge. The second and third terms were again under the instruction of Miss Hattie B. Rand, of whose methods and success the district are well acquainted. She needs no words of commendation from us. Whole number of scholars 41, average 31. (23)

Mr. Geo. Jenkins has again had charge of the Highest Department, sustaining his well earned reputation of the previous year, as a good instructor and thorough disciplinarian. Whole number of pupils 37, 17 of whom have come in from other districts.

Number of weeks in school year 29 in each department. The whole number of scholars who have attended the different departments being 190, or considerably more than half of the number of pupils in town, as per report of last year.

The number of visits made to the school by the parents during the year has been much less than in previous years, which is to be deplored. Let the parents show by their frequent presence in the school room, that they are interested in their children's education and it will be a stimulus to both teacher and scholar. Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

M. A. NORRIS, Secretary.

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